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Max J. Evans, Director  
Utah Division of State History  
300 Rio Grande  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Re: Cultural Resources in Cloudy Moon Quarry Area, Sean Murphy, Cloudy Moon Quarry, S/037/116,  
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has received a Notice of Intention for a small rock quarry in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16, Township 38 South, Range 24 East. This is Utah State Lease ML48768-MP. A cultural resources survey was performed by Winston Hurst of Abajo Archaeology under Utah State Antiquities Permit/Project Number U01-AS0487s.

The cultural resources survey identified two sites, 42SA17713 and 42SA24709, which they considered eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, but these sites, while in the immediate area, are not proposed to be disturbed. The consultant recommended that an area 10 meters around each of these sites be flagged to prevent accidental disturbance. The other site, 42SA24708, was not considered significant. There were also five isolated finds, none of which was considered significant.

Based on the information provided and the protection measures recommended, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not believe there would be any effects on significant cultural resources. We have issued conditional acceptance to the operator with the following conditions: 1) the operator must provide a map showing the exact location of his operations in relation to the archaeological sites in the vicinity and confirm in writing that he will not disturb the significant sites; and 2) the archaeological sites are to be flagged or otherwise delineated in the field to avoid accidental disturbance. We believe the sites can be avoided and protected if the operator will take these steps. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can agree with this determination.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call me at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker  
Senior Reclamation Biologist